

Thursday, July 23, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations, 1999.

The House voted to override the President's veto of H.R. 1122, Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act.

House Committees ordered reported 29 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8815–S8952

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2345–2350, and S. Con. Res. 109.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report entitled "Slamming"—The Authorized Switching of Long-Distance Telephone Service. (S. Rept. No. 105–259)

S. 1699, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel BILLIE-B-II. (S. Rept. No. 105–260)

S. 1731, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel FALLS POINT. (S. Rept. No. 105–261)

S. 1732, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel VESTERHAVEN, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105–262)

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Measures Passed:

Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations, 1999: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 234), Senate passed S. 2260, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, after taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

By 90 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 229), Kyl/Bryan Amendment No. 3266, to prohibit Internet gambling.

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Gregg (for DeWine) Amendment No. 3274, to authorize the local law enforcement block grant program.

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Gregg/Hollings Amendment No. 3277, relating to the delivery of digital signals in certain areas.

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Gregg/Hollings Amendment No. 3278, relating to the operation of a diplomatic facility in Jerusalem.

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Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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Gregg/Hollings Amendment No. 3279, to establish a whale conservation fund.

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By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 230), Nickles Amendment No. 3272, to amend certain criminal laws relating to the compensation of attorneys.

Pages S8822–24, S8837

Bingaman/Domenici Modified Amendment No. 3273, to prohibit from trademark the flag, coat of arms or other insignia of any federally-recognized Indian tribes.

Pages S8824–25, S8838

Kerry Amendment No. 3276, to condition the availability of funds for United States diplomatic and consular posts in Vietnam. (By 34 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 231), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

Pages S8830–34, S8837–38

By 98 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 232), Lieberman Amendment No. 3280, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the impact of Japan's recession on the economies of East and Southeast Asia and the United States.

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Gregg (for Bumpers) Amendment No. 3281, to eliminate the potential for fraud in the investor visa program.

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By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 233), Smith (of Oregon) Modified Amendment No. 3258, to establish a system of registries of temporary agricultural workers to provide for a sufficient supply of such workers and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to streamline procedures for the admission and extension of stay of nonimmigrant agricultural workers.

Pages S8839–51, S8879–80

Feinstein Amendment No. 3282 (to Amendment No. 3258), relating to a cap on the number of H-2-A visas.

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Kennedy Amendment No. 3283 (to Amendment No. 3258), to establish implementation procedures.

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Gregg/Hollings Amendment No. 3284, to make technical corrections.

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Gregg (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 3285, to prohibit the publication of identifying information relating to a minor for criminal sexual purposes.

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Gregg (for Dodd) Amendment No. 3286, to require Internet access providers to make available Internet screening software.

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Gregg (for Specter/Santorum/Durbin) Amendment No. 3287, to move Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania from the Eastern District to the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

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Gregg (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3288, to require a report regarding the analysis of the United States Trade Representative with respect to any subsidies provided by the Government of the Republic of Korea to Hanbo Steel.

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Gregg (for Murkowski/Stevens) Amendment No. 3289, to prohibit the use of funds for the enforcement in fiscal year 1999 of certain regulations regarding the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) with respect to United States fishing industry vessels.

Pages S8852, S8854–55

Gregg (for Kyl) Amendment No. 3290, to provide for the payment of special masters for civil actions concerning prison conditions.

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Gregg (for Kyl) Amendment No. 3291 to provide for the waiver of fees for the processing of certain visas for certain Mexico citizens and to require the continuing processing of applications for visas in certain Mexico cities.

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Gregg (for Graham) Amendment No. 3292, to require a study and report on the adequacy of processing nonimmigrant visas by United States consular posts.

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Gregg (for Lott) Amendment No. 3293, to provide funds to establish an international center for response to chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons.

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Gregg (for Biden) Amendment No. 3294, relating to arrearage payments to the United Nations.

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Subsequently the amendment was modified.

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Gregg (for Kohl) Amendment No. 3295, to provide for reviews of criminal records of applicants for employment in nursing facilities and home health care agencies.

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Gregg (for Gorton) Amendment No. 3296, to prohibit the use of funds for foreign travel or foreign communications by officers and employees of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice.

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Gregg (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 3297, to exempt orphans adopted by United States citizens from grounds of removal.

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Gregg (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 3298, to prevent disclosure of personal and financial information of corrections officers in certain civil actions until a verdict regarding liability has been rendered.

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Gregg (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3299, to allow continued helicopter procurement by the Border Patrol.

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Gregg (for Reed) Amendment No. 3300, to extend temporary protected status for certain nationals of Liberia.

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Gregg (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3301, to provide for the adjustment of status of certain asylees in Guam.

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Gregg (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3302, to focus resources of the Department of Justice on prosecuting violations of federal gun laws.

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Gregg (for Kerrey) Amendment No. 3303, relating to information infrastructure grants of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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Gregg (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 3304, to clarify the conditions under which export controls may be imposed on agricultural products.

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Gregg (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3305, to make funds available for Student Incentive Payments.

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Gregg (for Dorgan) Amendment No. 3306, to require certain new employees in the Office of the United States Trade Representative to work exclusively on investigating the acts, policies, and practices of the Canadian Wheat Board and whether the acts, policies, or practices cause material injury to the United States grain industry.

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Gregg (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3307, to preserve and enhance local FM radio service for underserved countries.

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Gregg (for Abraham) Amendment No. 3308, to provide for a study of sediment control at Grand Marais, Michigan.

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Gregg (for Brownback) Amendment No. 3309, to establish certain limitations with respect to build-out and moving costs of the Patent and Trademark Office.

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Gregg (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3310, to require that reports submitted to the Committee on Appropriations concerning matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Judiciary also be submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Gregg (for Biden) Amendment No. 3311, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate, for alien battered spouses and children, certain restrictions rendering them ineligible to apply for adjustment of status, suspension of deportation, and cancellation of removal.

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Gregg (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3312, to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 to ensure greater protection of elderly women.

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Gregg (for Brownback) Amendment No. 3313, to modify the membership of the Federal-State Joint Board on universal service.

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Gregg (for Torricelli) Amendment No. 3314, to provide for the nonpoint pollution control program of the Coastal Zone Management program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Gregg (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 3315, to provide additional funds for violent crime reduction programs.

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Gregg (for Feingold) Amendment No. 3316, to provide for sentencing enhancements and amendments to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines for offenses relating to the abuse and exploitation of children.

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Gregg (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3317, of a technical nature.

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Gregg (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 3318, to provide for funding for a firearm violation demonstration project.

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Gregg (for Grams) Amendment No. 3319, to require the submission in advance of a certification to Congress before certain funds are disbursed for contributions to the United Nations.

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Gregg (for Grams) Amendment No. 3320, to provide for a ban on extradition or transfer of United States citizens to the International Criminal Court.

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Gregg (for Grams) Amendment No. 3321, to prohibit the availability of funds for the International Criminal Court unless the agreement establishing

the Court is submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent to ratification as a treaty.

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Gregg (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3322, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of non-immigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas.

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Rejected:

By 18 yeas to 82 nays (Vote No. 228), Craig Modified Amendment No. 3268 (to Amendment No. 3266), to clarify that Indian gaming is subject to Federal jurisdiction.

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Withdrawn:

Kerrey/Hagel Amendment No. 3275, to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from implementing or enforcing the public water system treatment requirements related to the cooper action level of the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper until certain studies are completed.

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Also, Amendment No. 3261, agreed to on Wednesday, July, 22, 1998, was further modified.

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African Elephant Conservation Authorization: Senate passed H.R. 39, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act, clearing the measure for the President.

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Florida Wild Land Fires: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 298, expressing deepest condolences to the State and people of Florida for the losses suffered as a result of the wild land fires occurring in June and July 1998, expressing support to the State and people of Florida as they overcome the effects of the fires, and commending the heroic efforts of firefighters from across the Nation in battling the fires, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Transportation Appropriations, 1999: Senate began consideration of S. 2307, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Shelby (for Frist) Modified Amendment No. 3323, to require the Secretary of Transportation to ensure that there is sufficient signage directing visitors to cemeteries of the National Cemetery System.

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Shelby/Lautenberg Amendment No. 3324, to improve the bill.

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McConnell Amendment No. 3326, to provide for expedited judicial review of constitutional claims with respect to the Transportation Equity Act.

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DeWine Amendment No. 3327, to provide additional resources for the United States Coast Guard for drug interdiction efforts around the island of Hispaniola.

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Shelby (for McCain) Amendment No. 3328, to ensure that the policies and goals of the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997 will be met.

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Shelby (for Specter) Amendment No. 3329, to clarify Delaware River Port Authority toll collection authority.

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Shelby/Lautenberg Amendment No. 3330, relating to certain transportation issues.

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Shelby (for Johnson) Amendment No. 3331, to provide for the use of funds for the costs of biodiesel fuels.

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Shelby (for Durbin) Amendment No. 3332, to prohibit smoking on scheduled domestic and foreign airline flight segments taking off from or landing in the United States.

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Shelby (for Burns) Amendment No. 3333, relating to hazardous material transportation laws.

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Shelby (for Lautenberg/Kerry) Amendment No. 3334, to place certain requirements on the Federal Aviation Administration.

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Shelby (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 3335, to require the National Transportation Safety Board to reimburse the State of New York and local counties in New York for certain costs associated with the crash of TWA Flight 800.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for a vote on passage of the bill to occur on Friday, July 24, 1998, at 9:15 a.m.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following passage of S. 2307, and upon receipt of the House companion measure, that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 2307, as passed by the Senate, be inserted in lieu thereof, that the House bill be passed, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, and that the passage of S. 2307 be vitiated, and the bill be indefinitely postponed.

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Federal Credit Union Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of H.R. 1151, to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to clarify existing law with regard to the field of membership of Federal credit unions, to preserve the integrity and purpose of Federal credit unions, and to enhance supervisory over-

sight of insured credit unions, on Friday, July 24, 1998.

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total–234)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 9:14 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Friday, July 24, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8952)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Patrick T. Henry, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Carolyn H. Becraft, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Ruby Butler DeMesme, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations and Environment, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. DeMesme was introduced by Senator Glenn.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine long-term economic and budgetary effects of Social Security reform, after receiving testimony from Martin S. Feldstein, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Rudolph G. Penner, Urban Institute, and Henry J. Aaron, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

BOXING REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 2238, to reform unfair and anticompetitive practices in the professional boxing industry, after receiving testimony from James Nave and Marc Ratner, both of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, and Eddie Futch, all of Las Vegas, Nevada; Larry Hazard, New Jersey

State Athletic Control Board, Trenton; Walter R. Stone, Adler, Pollock & Sheehan, Providence, Rhode Island, on behalf of the International Boxing Federation; and Jose Sulaiman, World Boxing Council, Colonia Juarez, Mexico.

ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE RESOURCES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings to review the process and the results of the recent United States Geological Survey assessment of oil and gas resources for on-shore areas of Federal lands, in State of Alaska waters, and on private Native lands within the boundaries of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge 1002 Area, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Casadevall, Acting-Director, and Kenneth J. Bird and David W. Houseknecht, both Geologists, all of the U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and Kenneth A. Boyd, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Anchorage.

LAND EXCHANGE/HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on the following bills:

S. 2109, to authorize an exchange of lands in Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve in Alaska, after receiving testimony from Richard Levitt, Gustavus Electric Company, Gustavus, Alaska;

S. 2257 and H.R. 1522, bills authorizing funds through fiscal year 2004 for the National Historic Preservation Fund, after receiving testimony from Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer H. Alexander Wise, Jr., Richmond, on behalf of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers; and Edward M. Norton, Jr., National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Susan West Montgomery, Preservation Action, both of Washington, D.C.

S. 2276, to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail, after receiving testimony from Thomas H. Eubanks, Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Baton Rouge; and

S. 2284, to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, after receiving testimony from Tim J. Pavak, Minuteman II Deactivation Program, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota.

Testimony was also received on S. 2109, S. 2257, H.R. 1522, S. 2276, and S. 2284 (all listed above), and S. 2272, to amend the boundaries of the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site in the State of Montana from Maureen Finnerty, Associate Director,

Operations, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee continued markup of S. 2131, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, July 29.

FEMA REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private Property, and Nuclear Safety concluded hearings on proposals to reform the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after receiving testimony from James L. Witt, Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Mayor Hal Daub, Omaha, Nebraska, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Joseph F. Myers, Florida Division of Emergency Management, Tallahassee, on behalf of the National Emergency Management Association; Albert Ashwood, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, Oklahoma City; and Dan Summers, New Hanover County Department of Emergency Management, Wilmington, North Carolina.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. Con. Res. 82, expressing the sense of Congress concerning the worldwide trafficking of persons, that has a disproportionate impact on women and girls, and is condemned by the international community as a violation of fundamental human rights, with amendments;

S. Con. Res. 103, expressing the sense of the Congress in support of the recommendations of the International Commission of Jurists on Tibet and on United States policy with regard to Tibet, with amendments;

An original bill to provide authorities with respect to the transfer of excess defense articles and the transfer of naval vessels under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act;

S.J. Res. 54, finding the Government of Iraq in unacceptable and material breach of its international obligations, with an amendment;

The Amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II or the amended Mines Protocol). (Protocols to the 1980 Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to be Excessively

Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects) (Treaty Doc. 105-1), with 1 reservation, 9 understandings, and 14 conditions; and

The nominations of David G. Carpenter, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador while serving as Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to be Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security, John Bruce Craig, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, Bert T. Edwards, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of State, Richard E. Hecklinger, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, James Howard Holmes, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Charles F. Kartman, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Korean Peace Talks, Theodore H. Kattouf, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, Elizabeth Davenport McKune, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, Steven Robert Mann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkmenistan, William B. Milam, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Hugh Q. Parmer, of Texas, to be Assistant Administrator for Humanitarian Response, Agency for International Development, David Michael Satterfield, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lebanon, Arthur Louis Schechter, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Jonathan H. Spalter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Director (Bureau of Information), United States Information Agency, Richard Nelson Swett, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador to Denmark, Melissa Foelsch Wells, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, Mary Beth West, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, Fisheries and Space, and two Foreign Service Officer promotion lists received by the Senate on June 18, 1998 and July 15, 1998, respectively.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Robert C. Felder, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, James Vela Ledesma, of California, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Joseph H. Melrose Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, George Mu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Robert Cephas Perry, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, Joseph Gerard Sullivan, of Virginia, to be Amba-

sador to the Republic of Angola, William Lacy Swing, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kathryn Dee Robinson, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, George McDade Staples, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and John Melvin Yates, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Sullivan was introduced by Representative Ballenger, Ms. Robinson was introduced by Senator Frist, and Mr. Yates was introduced by Senator Moynihan.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings to examine whether a proposed United Nations international criminal court is in the national interest of the United States, after receiving testimony from David J. Scheffer, Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues, Department of State; and John R. Bolton, American Enterprise Institute, former Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, and Lee A. Casey and David B. Rivkin, Jr., both of Hunton & Williams, all of Washington, D.C.

TELEPHONE CRAMMING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine incidents of the fraudulent practice of telephone cramming, the billing of unauthorized services on a consumer's telephone bill, after receiving testimony from Lawrence E. Strickling, Deputy Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; Eileen Harrington, Associate Director for Marketing Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission; Susan Grant, National Consumers League, Washington, D.C.; and Roy M. Neel, United States Telephone Association.

SOFTWARE INDUSTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current status of, and prospects for, competition and innovation in certain segments of the software industry, focusing on the future direction of business and Internet-related software and the extent to which competition and innovation may be suppressed by existing and/or potential monopoly power, and what basic principles of fair competition are necessary to facilitate continued growth and innovation in the software industry, after receiving testimony from Robert Glaser, Real Networks, Seattle, Washington; Lawrence J. Ellison, Oracle Corporation, Redwood Shores, California; Mitchell Kertzman, Sybase Inc., Emeryville, California;

Jeffrey Papows, Lotus Development Corporation, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Michael Jeffress, Television Host, Inc., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ida L. Castro, of New York, and Paul M. Igasaki, of California, each to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Castro was introduced by Senator D'Amato.

MEDICAL INDUSTRY Y2K COMPLIANCE

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded hearings to examine the potential impact of the Year 2000 technology information problem on the medical industry, focusing on the health industry's progress in preparing for Y2K, and its effect on data systems holding medical records and payment systems, medical devices for di-

agnostic testing, and patient monitors and life support systems, after receiving testimony from Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; Kevin L. Thurm, Deputy Secretary, Michael A. Friedman, Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, and Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel S. Nutkis, Odin Group, Nashville, Tennessee; Jennifer Jackson, Connecticut Hospital Association, Hartford, on behalf of the American Hospital Association; Donald J. Palmisano, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the American Medical Association; Ramin Mojdeh, Guidant Corporation, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the Health Industry Manufacturers Association; Gil R. Glover, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Dallas, on behalf of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association; and Joel Ackerman, Rx2000 Solutions Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 4313–4325; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 305–307, were introduced. **Pages H6281–82**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Report on the revised Suballocation of Budget Totals for fiscal year 1999 (H. Rept. 105–642); and

H. Res. 509, providing for consideration of H.R. 4250, to provide new patient protections under group health plans (H. Rept. 105–643). **Page H6281**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Emerson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6189**

DoD Authorization Conference: Agreed to the Skelton motion to instruct conferees to insist upon the authorization levels provided in title II of the House bill for Theater Missile Defense programs and for space-based lasers by a yea and nay vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 322. **Pages H6201–02**

Subsequently, agreed to the Spence motion to close portions of the conference when classified information is under consideration, by a yea and nay vote of 412 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 323. **Pages H6202–03**

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban—Veto Override: The House voted to override the President's veto of H.R.

1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, by a yea and nay vote of 296 yeas to 132 nays, Roll No. 325. **Pages H6203–13**

Earlier agreed to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from further consideration of H.R. 1122 by a yea and nay vote of 295 yeas to 131 nays, Roll No. 321. **Pages H6193–H6201**

Military Construction Appropriations: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and agreed to a conference. **Page H6213**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives Packard, Porter, Hobson, Wicker, Kingston, Parker, Tiahrt, Wamp, Livingston, Hefner, Olver, Edwards, Cramer, Dicks, and Obey. **Page H6213**

Interior Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 4193, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, by a yea and nay vote of 245 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 331. **Pages H6213–18**

The Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with Instructions to report it back with an amendment limiting funds made available unless Representative Sidney R. Yates stands for election to the 106th Congress from the

9th District of Illinois was offered and subsequently withdrawn.

Pages H6217-18

Rejected:

The DeFazio amendment that sought to strike the provision that extends the recreational fee demonstration program for another 2 years (rejected by a recorded vote of 81 ayes to 341 noes, Roll No. 326);

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The McDermott amendment that sought to strike Section 333 dealing with the operation or implementation of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (rejected by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 221 noes, Roll No. 327);

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The Hinchey amendment that sought to strike section 327 that grants Chugach Alaska Corporation an easement for public roads and related facilities that were conveyed to the corporation pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (rejected by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 328);

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The Miller of California amendment that sought to prohibit any funds to construct any road in the Tongass National Forest (rejected by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 237 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 329); and

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The Pappas amendment that sought to increase the State side grant program of the land and water conservation fund by \$50 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 330).

Pages H6216-17

H. Res. 504, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 21.

VA, HUD Appropriations: The House resumed consideration of amendments to H.R. 4194, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

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Agreed To:

The Obey amendment that specifies that any limitation on funding to EPA or the Council on Environmental Quality shall not apply to educational outreach or informational seminars (agreed to by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 198 noes, Roll No. 332);

Pages H6219-25

Rejected:

The Waxman amendment that sought to specify that any limitation on funds to EPA or the Council on Environmental Quality shall not apply to regulatory determinations for mercury emissions, dredging as a remediation tool, and implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act, Regional Haze Program, or cleanup requirements for facilities licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (rejected by

a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 334);

Pages H6244-57

Pending:

The Roemer amendment numbered 5 printed in the Congressional Record that seeks to cancel funding for the International Space Station.

Pages H6264-75

H. Res. 501, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 16.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H6283-95.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two quorum calls (Roll No. 324 and Roll No. 333), five yeas and nay votes, and seven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6201, H6201-02, H6202-03, H6207-08, H6212-13, H6213-14, H6214-15, H6215, H6215-16, H6216-17, H6218, H6225, H6241, and H6257.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:16 a.m. on Friday, July 24.

Committee Meetings

AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing on H.R. 3899, American Homeownership Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL WORKPLACE DRUG-TESTING PROGRAMS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services' Policy for Federal Workplace Drug-Testing Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Joseph Autry, M.D., Director, Division of Workplace Programs, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Edward J. Cone, M.D., Acting Chief, Clinical Pharmacology Branch, Intramural Research Programs, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH; and Donald Bruce Burlington, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4237, amended, to amend the District of Columbia Convention Center and Sports Arena Authorization Act of 1995 to revise the revenues and activities covered under such Act; H.R. 2508, amended, to provide for the conveyance of Federal land in San Joaquin County, CA,

to the city of Tracy, CA; H.R. 4243, amended, to reduce waste, fraud, and error in Government programs by making improvements with respect to Federal management and debt collection practices, Federal payment systems, and Federal benefit programs; H.R. 4244, amended, Federal Procurement System Performance Measurement and Acquisition Workforce Training Act of 1998; H.R. 3725, amended, Postal Service Health and Safety Promotion Act; H.R. 2526, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make the percentage limitations on individual contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan more consistent with the dollar amount limitation on elective deferrals; H.R. 2566, amended, Civil Service Retirement System Actuarial Redeposit Act of 1997; H.R. 2943, to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the amount of leave time available to a Federal employee in any year in connection with serving as an organ donor; H.R. 4259, Haskell Indians Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute Administrative Systems Act of 1998; H.R. 4280, amended, to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees; H.R. 2623, to designate the United States Post Office located at 16250 Highway 603 in Kiln, Mississippi, as the "Ray J. Favre Post Office Building"; H.R. 3167, to designate the United States Post Office located at 297 Larkfield Road in East Northport, New York, as the "Jerome Anthony Ambro, Jr. Post Office Building"; H.R. 4052, to establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings located in Coconut Grove, Opa Locka, Carol City, and Miami, Florida; H.R. 3810, to designate the United States Post Office located at 202 Center Street in Garwood, New Jersey, as the "James T. Leonard, Sr. Post Office"; H.R. 3939, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 658 63rd Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Edgar C. Campbell, Sr., Post Office Building"; H.R. 3999, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 5209 Greene Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "David P. Richardson, Jr., Post Office Building"; H.R. 4000, amended, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 400 Edgmont Avenue, Chester, Pennsylvania, as the "Thomas P. Foglietta Post Office Building"; H.R. 4001, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 2601 North 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Roxanne H. Jones Post Office Building"; H.R. 4002, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 5300 West Jefferson Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Freeman Hankins Post Office Building"; and H.R. 4003, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 2037 Chestnut

Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Max Weiner Post Office Building".

The Committee also approved the following draft report entitled: "Making the Federal Government Accountable: Enforcing the Mandate for Effective Financial Management".

EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Expectant Mothers and Substance Abuse: Intervention and Treatment Challenges for State Governments. Testimony was heard from Representative Latham; the following officials of the State of South Carolina: Charles Condon, Attorney General; and Catherine Christophillis, Director, Drug Prosecution; Joanne Huelsman, Senator, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

KOSOVO—CURRENT SITUATION AND FUTURE OPTIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Kosovo—Current Situation and Future Options. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Robert Gelbard, Special Representative of the President and the Secretary of State for Implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords, Department of State; and Walter Slocombe, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4049, Regulatory Fair Warning Act of 1998; and H.R. 4096, Taxpayer's Defense Act. Testimony was heard from Joseph N. Onek, Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Christopher McLean, Deputy Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the United States Copyright Office. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Copyright Office of the United States, Library of Congress: Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights; and Shira Perlmutter, Associate Register, Policy and International Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; PRIVATE IMMIGRATION BILLS; OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3843, to grant a Federal charter to the American GI Forum of the United States.

The Subcommittee approved private immigration bills.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on Alternative Technologies for Implementation of Section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1997 at Land Borders. Testimony was heard from Michael J. Hrinyak, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Inspections, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; Joseph O’Gorman, National Team Leader, Land Border Passenger Processing, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

PATIENT PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule on H.R. 4250, Patient Protection Act of 1998, providing for one hour of debate, equally divided between Representative Hastert and an opponent. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the Rules committee report shall be considered as adopted. The rule provides for the consideration of an amendment printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 2. The amendment shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent. All points of order against the amendment are waived. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bliley, Stearns, Bilbray, Ganske, Coburn, Lazio, Goodling, Graham, Paul, Ramstad, Johnson of Connecticut, Scarborough, Shadegg, Hastert, Brady of Texas, Thomas, Dingell, Pallone, Eshoo, Strickland, Clay, McDermott, Kleczka, Evans, and Berry.

NSF’S SYSTEMIC INITIATIVES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held an oversight hearing on the National Science Foundation’s Systemic Initiatives: Are SSIs The Best Way to Improve K–12 Math and Science Education? Testimony was heard from Daryl E. Chubin, Director, Division of Research, Evaluation, and Communications, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, NSF; Thomas Baird, Area Cities for Educational Enhancement, Department of Education, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; RESOLUTIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3482, to designate

the Federal building located at 11000 Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the “Abraham Lincoln Federal Building”; H.R. 3598, to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the “Richard C. White Federal Building”; S. 2032, amended, to designate the Federal building in Juneau, Alaska, as the “Hurff A. Saunders Federal Building”; H.R. 4275, amended, Economic Development Partnership Act of 1998; and H.R. 4268, amended, National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 1998.

The Committee also approved the following resolutions: 12 Corps of Engineers Survey; and 14 Public Buildings.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS; PROVISION OF SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing to review the implementation of section 1706 of title 38, United States Code, which provides for the specialized treatment and rehabilitative needs of disabled veterans. Testimony was heard from Stephen P. Backhus, Director, Veterans’ Affairs and Military Health Care Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Thomas H. Miller, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Prosthetics and Special Disabilities Programs; Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D., Deputy Under Secretary, Health; Denis J. Fitzgerald, M.D., Director, VISN 1 and Leroy P. Gross, M.D., Director, VISN 6, both with the Veterans Integrated Services Network; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

SSA—LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings to examine labor-management relations at the SSA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: John Reusing, Claims Authorizer, Division of International Operations; Jim Beckstrom, Computer Specialist, Office of Systems; Jim Schampers, District Manager, Waco, Texas; and Edwin M. Hardesty, District Manager, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session and ordered reported amended H.R. 3829, Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protection Act of 1998.

CIA—WHISTLEBLOWER REGULATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on CIA's new Whistleblower Regulation. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

DENIAL AND DECEPTION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Denial and Deception. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings**IMF STRUCTURE**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the financial condition of the International Monetary Fund, after receiving testimony from Harold J. Johnson, Jr., Associate Director of International Relations and Trade Issues, General Accounting Office.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. 817)

H.R. 1316, to amend chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to the order of precedence to be applied in the payment of life insurance benefits. Signed July 22, 1998. (P.L. 105-205)

H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service. Signed July 22, 1998. (P.L. 105-206)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
JULY 24, 1998****Senate**

No committee meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 1999, 9 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue hearings on H.R. 4062, Financial Derivatives Supervisory Improvement Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on Enhancing Retirement Security Through Individual Investment Choices, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on International Brotherhood of Teamsters Governance and Practice, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 4083, to make available to the Ukrainian Museum and Archives the USIA television program "Window on America"; H.R. 633, to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to provide that the annuities of certain special agents and security personnel of the Department of State be computed in the same way as applies generally with respect to Federal law enforcement officers; H. Con. Res. 185, expressing the sense of the Congress on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and recommitting the United States to the principles expressed in the Universal Declaration; and H.R. 4309, Torture Victim Relief Act of 1998; followed by a hearing on Human Rights in Indonesia, Part II, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, hearing on H. Res. 507, providing special investigative authority for the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 11:30 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security to continue hearings to examine labor-management relations at the SSA, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Future Imagery Architecture, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:15 a.m., Friday, July 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will vote on passage of S. 2307, Transportation Appropriations, 1999, and begin consideration of H.R. 1151, Federal Credit Union Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 24

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of H.R. 4250, Patient Protection Act (modified closed rule, one hour of general debate).

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